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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Tomoyuki MIYASHITA)
Application No.: 09/722,397)
Filed: November 28, 2000)
For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS)
AND METHOD, AND STORAGE)
MEDIUM THEREFOR)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to continued examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.